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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Once again, please accept my letter in support of LightSquared's proposal to bring its 4G-LTE wireless network to the City of Coachella.


Rural businesses are fast falling behind in today's rapidly changing global economy. Coachella business owners must gain more access to dependable telecommunications technology, and we need the Federal Communications Commission to fight on our behalf. Increased broadband coverage will serve as an economic stimulant for growing businesses in rural communities, and will be integral to Coachella's and the nation's economic recovery.

LightSquared's model will specifically help rural business owners in Coachella because it will allow more competitors to enter the broadband market, making broadband not only more accessible for business owners, but also more affordable. This new network will allow for greater innovation, and will ultimately help shrink the "digital divide". Competition means better service and lower prices. Additionally, police, fire and rescue providers – the first responders who rely on seamless, high-quality communications to protect us from harm – will have added protection, because LightSquared (a longtime service provider to the public safety community) will complement its ground-based system with a satellite backup.

Finally, LightSquared is investing billions of dollars and creating thousands of jobs at a time when our economy sorely needs help. The government should not stand in the way of this kind of investment.

Please fight for the rural business owners in Coachella by helping LightSquared develop its innovative wireless network.

Sincerely,


Mayor Eduardo Garcia
City of Coachella